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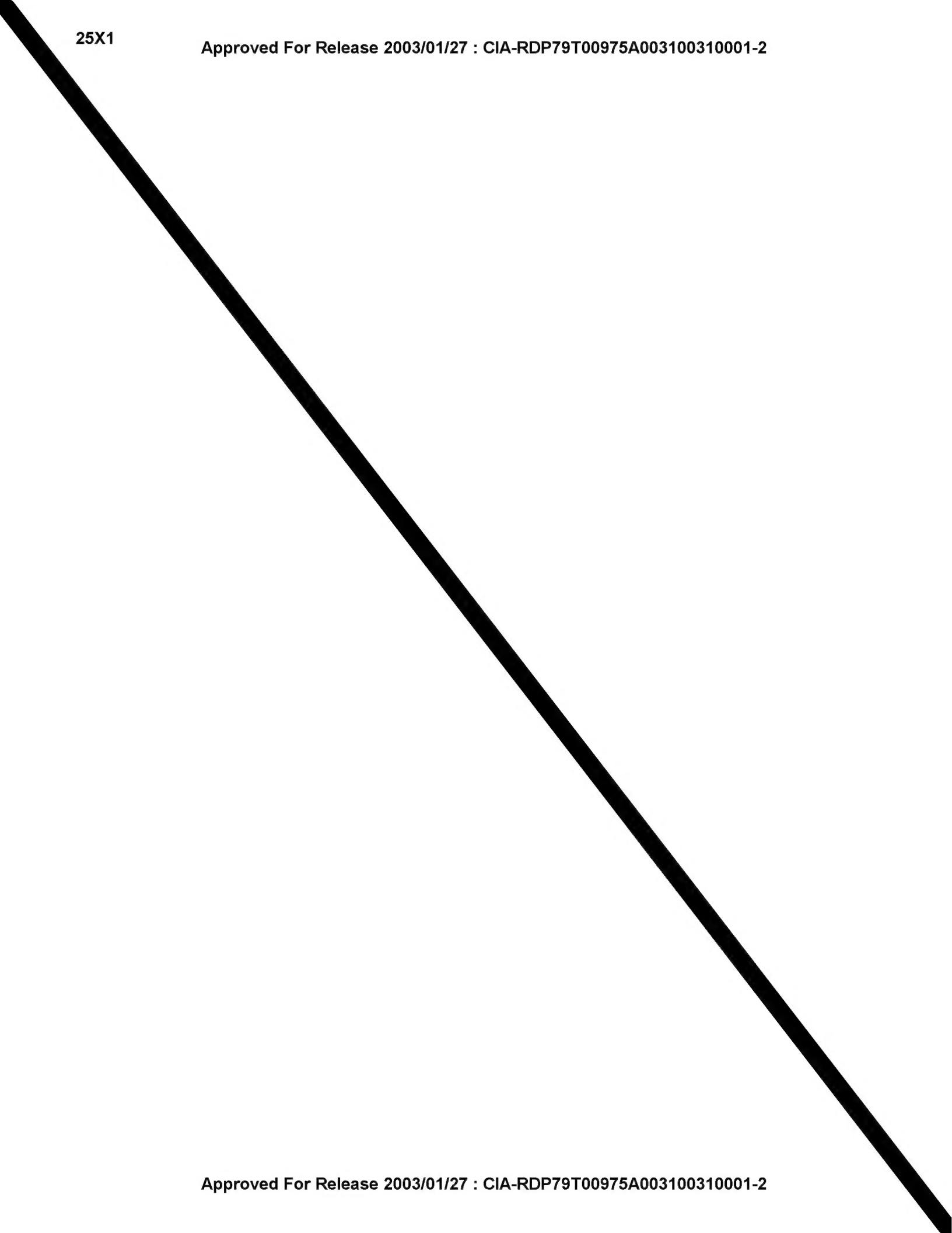

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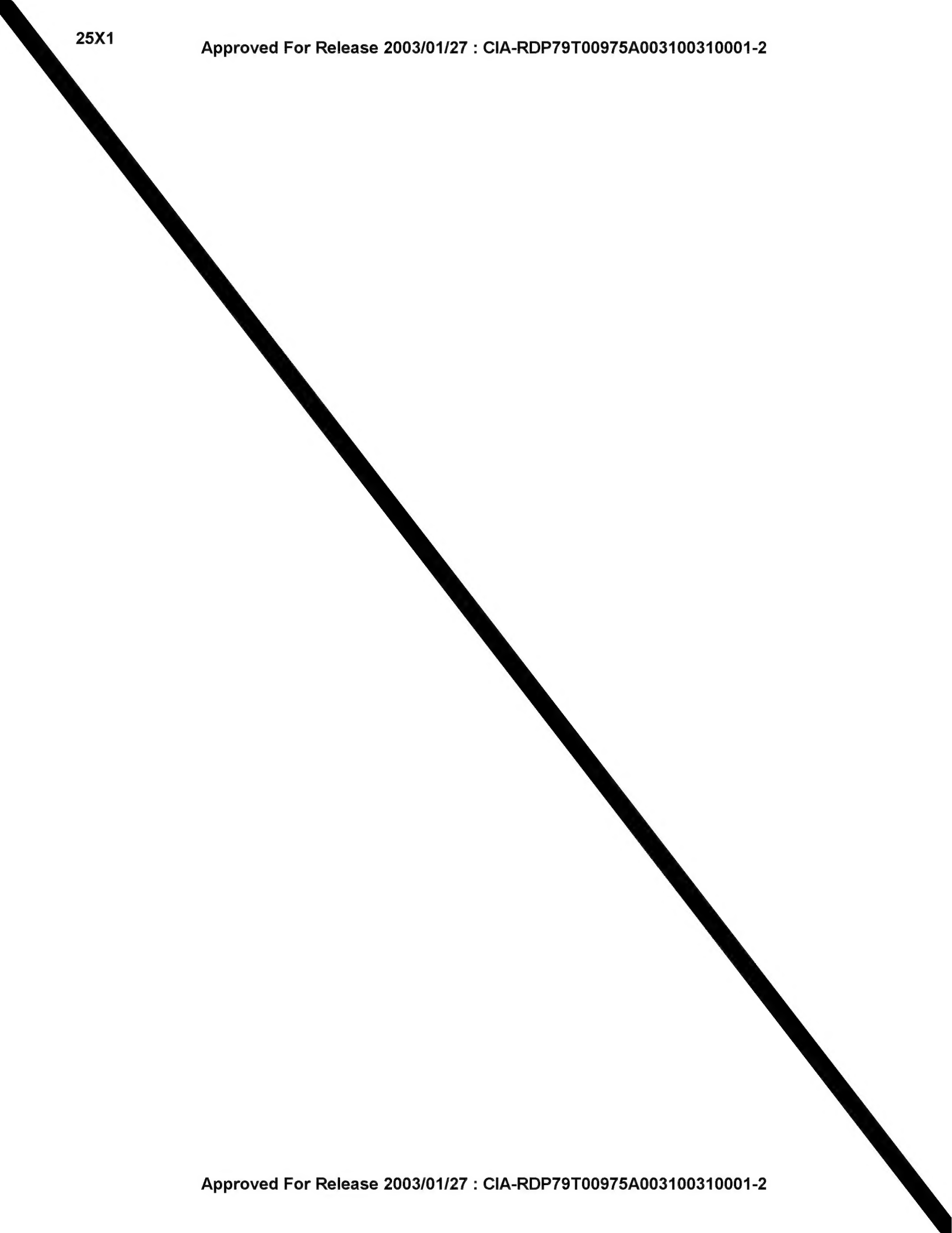

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Sentiment favoring recognition of Communist China by France is reportedly gaining ground in center and rightist parties,

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Among the new advocates of recognition are the president of the parliamentary group of René Pleven's small center party and Emile Roche, a prominent Radical Socialist who is the president of the advisory Economic Council.

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Comment

According to the American embassy in Paris, a Social Republican (ex-Gaullist) member of the National Assembly's foreign affairs committee is sponsoring a bill calling for recognition. There are also press reports from Hong Kong and Peiping that former premier Edgar Faure, who is now on a month-long visit to Communist China, has voiced his unqualified support for recognition.

Premier Mollet has continually had to restrain left-wing leaders of his own party--particularly Daniel Mayer, chairman of the assembly foreign affairs committee, from pressing for such a move.

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